

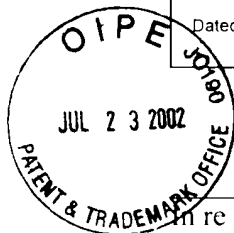
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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/285,385, filed April 20, 2001; U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/285,945, filed April 23, 2001; U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/322,771, filed September 17, 2001; and U.S. provisional application identified by Attorney Docket Code ANV-003PR, entitled Multi-Dimensional Interactive Data Visualization Applied To Small Molecule Research, filed January 15, 2002 (Serial No. 60/348,854), all of which applications are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

[0002] This application is related to U.S. patent application identified by Attorney Docket Code ANV-001, entitled "Method And System For Data Analysis" (Serial No. 10/077,694) and to U.S. patent application identified by Attorney Docket Code ANV-002, and entitled "Method